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Magnetic resonance

**elastography for detection of different tissue types, e.g.
malignant lesions, whereby a patient or part of a patient is subject to
mechanical vibrations and the resulting non-
linear distortions evaluated**

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NOVELTY - Object examination method has the following steps:
excitation of the object with mechanical vibrations; measurement of the
temporal behavior of object voxels that are displaced by waves in the

objects caused by the vibrations; determination of **non-linear distortion** from the temporal behavior of the deflections; and evaluation of the **non-linear distortions**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for:

(1) arrangement for implementation of the method;

(2) a computer program for use with a **magnetic resonance** instrument to implement the method.

USE - **Magnetic resonance elastography** for detection of different tissue types, e.g. malignant lesions.

ADVANTAGE - The inventive method yields additional information that enables better differentiation between tissue types.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - Figure shows a sequence of vibrations for use with MR data acquisition.

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Title Terms: MAGNETIC; RESONANCE; DETECT; TISSUE; TYPE; MALIGNANT; LESION; PATIENT; PART; PATIENT; SUBJECT; MECHANICAL; VIBRATION; RESULT; NON; LINEAR; **DISTORT**; EVALUATE

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Abstract: Significant advances have been recently introduced into various fields of technology, taking advantage of the use of new piezoelectric materials and the large diffusion of broadband transducers. Various types of modulation may be applied to the pulse characteristics, using single pulse, multipulse or multiline techniques, and resulting in improved spatial resolution and better penetration. **Non-linear** imaging uses the harmonics component, which is generated by tissues or by contrast agents. Different modalities can be used to separate harmonics from fundamental bands from the received signal. New Doppler modes have been developed, whereas grey-scale flow imaging allows the simultaneous imaging of blood flow and tissues. Compounding techniques improve the contrast resolution of tissues and reduce artefacts. If 3D techniques are now currently available, real-time 4D imaging has been recently introduced. **Elastographic** imaging is still under evaluation, but promising clinical results have been shown. Recent release of the DICOM specification has made the full integration of ultrasound to the PALS systems easier. All these advances indicate that the contribution and potential of ultrasound in patient management is still growing.

Descriptors--Author Keywords: US ; technology ; Doppler modes

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MR elastography of the prostate: Initial in-vivo application

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Purpose: To analyze the initial assessment of the technical feasibility of in-vivo MR elastography (MRE) of the prostate gland in healthy volunteers. **Materials and Methods:** Dynamic sinusoidal MR elastography was performed in 7 healthy volunteers in prone position. The mechanical wave was induced via an external oscillator attached to the pubic bone. A 1.5 Tesla MR system (Philips Medical Systems, Netherland) was used with 4 combined surface coils for signal reception. MRE data acquisition was performed with a motion-sensitive spin-echo MR sequence that was phase-locked to the **mechanical oscillation**. Subsequently, these images were used to reconstruct the local distribution of elasticity inside the prostate gland. The applied reconstruction algorithm was tested by means of phantom measurements. **Results:** Sufficient penetration of the mechanical wave into the prostate gland was achieved in all volunteers, allowing the acquisition of utilizable image data sets. The reconstructed distribution of elasticity (shear-modulus) inside the healthy prostate gland correlated with the zonal anatomy of the gland. The elasticity of the central portion (2.2 +/- 0.3 kPa) appeared to be lower than the peripheral prostatic portion (3.3 +/- 0.5 kPa). **Conclusion:** In-vivo MRE of the prostate gland is technically feasible. The proposed experimental set-up allows the efficient insertion of the mechanical wave into the prostate gland and provides a successful MR data acquisition.

Device Brand Name/Manufacturer Name: 1.5 Tesla MR system/Philips/Netherlands

Device Manufacturer Names: Philips/Netherlands

MEDICAL DESCRIPTORS:

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Abstract: Magnetic resonance elastography (MRE) is a method that can visualize the propagating and standing shear waves in an object being measured. The quantitative value of a shear modulus can be calculated by estimating the local shear wavelength. Low-frequency mechanical motion must be used for soft, tissue-like objects because a propagating shear wave rapidly attenuates at a higher frequency. Moreover, a propagating shear wave is **distorted** by reflections from the boundaries of objects. However, the **distortions** are minimal around the wave front of the propagating shear wave. Therefore, we can avoid the effect of reflection on a region of interest (ROI) by adjusting the duration of mechanical vibrations. Thus, the ROI is often shorter than the propagating shear wavelength. In the MRE sequence, a motion-sensitizing gradient (MSG) is synchronized with mechanical cyclic motion. MRE images with multiple initial phase offsets can be generated with increasing delays between the MSG and mechanical vibrations. This paper proposes a method for measuring the local shear wavelength using MRE multiple initial phase patchwork offsets that can be used when the size of the object being measured is shorter than the local wavelength. To confirm the reliability of the proposed method, computer simulations, a simulated tissue study and in vitro and in vivo studies were performed. (17 Refs)

Descriptors: biomechanics; biomedical MRI; elastic moduli measurement; shear modulus

Identifiers: in vivo local shear modulus measurement; object boundaries; local wavelength; region of interest; mechanical vibrations duration; **magnetic resonance imaging**; medical diagnostic imaging; motion-sensitizing gradient; multiple initial phase patchwork offsets; in vivo human tissue; computer simulations; simulated tissue study; in vivo studies; in vitro studies

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Abstract: Strain Encoded Magnetic Resonance Imaging (SENC-MRI) is a new technique that allows real-time quantification of tissue deformation. The technique is based on initially modulating the magnetization of the imaged object with sinusoidal pattern (MR-tagging) in the z-direction (throughplane direction). Compression is then applied to the object resulting in a change of the frequency of the sinusoidal tagging depending, in part, on tissue stiffness; e.g. the softer the material the higher the resulting frequency. By determining the changes in frequency, regional deformations can be determined and quantified. In SENC MRI, this is achieved by acquiring several images (typically 8 images), each with different phase-encoding, which we call tunings, in the z-direction. For each tuning, the intensity of pixels whose tagging frequency coincides with the tuning frequency is higher than other pixels. Since the number of the acquired images is limited, only a limited range of frequencies can be covered and, hence, the accuracy of the estimates may be inefficient if the tuning are not selected carefully. However, in this paper, we show that deformation maps can be obtained with good accuracy from the limited number of tunings. In this regard, we propose three methods and compare between them for maximum achievable accuracy. The methods are 1) center-of-mass, 2.) curve fitting, and 3) clustering-based method. The methods are applied to simulated data and MR images obtained from a gel phantom experiment. The results of comparisons shows that good estimates of deformation can be obtained even if the sampled data is **distorted** by noise or MR artifacts. 15 Refs.

Descriptors: *Magnetic resonance imaging; Tissue; Tumors; Elastic moduli; Magnetization; Curve fitting; Sensitivity analysis; Parameter estimation; Mathematical models

Identifiers: Strain encoded imaging; Tissue deformation; Tissue stiffness; **Elastography**

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Abstract: Supersonic shear imaging (SSI) is a new ultrasound-based technique for real-time visualization of soft tissue viscoelastic properties. Using ultrasonic focused beams, it is possible to remotely generate mechanical vibration sources radiating low-frequency, shear waves inside tissues. Relying on this concept, SSI proposes to create such a source and make it move at a supersonic speed. In analogy with the "sonic boom" created by a supersonic aircraft, the resulting shear waves will interfere constructively along a Mach cone, creating two intense plane shear waves. These waves propagate through the medium and are progressively **distorted** by tissue heterogeneities. An ultrafast scanner prototype is able to both generate this supersonic source and image (5000 frames/s) the propagation of the resulting shear waves. Using inversion algorithms, the shear elasticity of medium can be mapped quantitatively from this propagation movie. The SSI enables tissue elasticity mapping in less than 20 ms, even in strongly viscous medium like breast. Modalities such as shear compounding are implementable by tilting shear waves in different directions and improving the elasticity estimation. Results validating SSI in heterogeneous phantoms are presented. The first in vivo investigations made on healthy volunteers emphasize the potential clinical applicability of SSI for breast cancer detection. 16 Refs.

Descriptors: *Imaging systems; Tissue; Elasticity; Shear waves; **Magnetic resonance imaging**; Vibrations (mechanical); Acoustics; Algorithms; Mathematical models

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Conference Location: Houston, TX, USA **Conference Date:** 19000622-19000624

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Abstract: We review the principles of MR and ultrasonic approaches proposed for imaging the mechanical attributes or properties of tissues. We identify two groups of methods. One group of methods is based on the use of applied vibration to obtain information about tissue mechanical properties. The second group of methods is based on the application of quasi-static compression as a stimulus to map distribution of tissue mechanical attributes. Appropriate theoretical models are presented to explain both groups of methods. Finally, the principles of **elastography** are detailed with emphasis on its potential clinical applications. (Author abstract) 37 Refs.

Descriptors: *Medical imaging; Tissue; **Magnetic resonance imaging**; Ultrasonic imaging; Mathematical models; Acoustic waves; Signal **distortion**; Ultrasonic refraction

Identifiers: Tissue mechanical attributes imaging; Applied vibration; Quasi states compression; Stimulus; Map distribution; **Elastography**; Clinical applications

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461.1 (Biomedical Engineering); 461.2 (Biological Materials); 701.2 (Magnetism: Basic Concepts & Phenomena); 753.3 (Ultrasonic Applications); 921.6 (Numerical Methods); 751.1 (Acoustic Waves)

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08178324 **INSPEC Abstract Number:** A2002-06-0758-006, B2002-03-7510N-047, C2002-03-5260B-441

Title: Non-linear compensation of distortions introduced by the presence of metal objects in magnetic resonance imaging

Author Bui, F.M.; Bott, K.; Mintchev, M.P.

Author Affiliation: Dept. of Electr. & Comput. Eng., Calgary Univ., Alta., Canada

Journal: Proceedings of the SPIE - The International Society for Optical Engineering **Conference Title:** Proc. SPIE - Int. Soc. Opt. Eng. (USA) vol.4322, pt.1-3 p. 845-52

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Conference Title: Medical Imaging 2001: Image Processing

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Language: English **Document Type:** Conference Paper (PA); Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Practical (P)

Abstract: Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exhibits technical characteristics that make it invaluable in medical diagnosis. However, its full potential has been severely limited by the presence of imaging artifacts. These artifacts cause distortions in the obtained images, which no longer faithfully represent the object being imaged. In this work, we study the particular type of artifact known as "magnetic susceptibility difference artifacts", caused by the presence of a ferromagnetic source. Previously (2000), we have quantified these artifacts from three different perspectives: (1) pixel displacement, (2) blurring and (3) nonlinearity. However, the nonlinear distortions were quantified using a single-parameter nonlinear function. In this study, a multi-parameter nonlinear function based on polynomial series is used in the optimization. The results show that this modification allows for more flexibility and, as a result, improves the optimization algorithm. (25 Refs)

Descriptors: error compensation; ferromagnetic materials; image processing; **magnetic resonance imaging**; magnetic susceptibility; metals; nonlinear distortion; optimisation; series (mathematics)

Identifiers: nonlinear distortion compensation; metal objects; **magnetic resonance imaging**; **MRI**; medical diagnosis; imaging artifacts; magnetic susceptibility difference artifacts; ferromagnetic source; pixel displacement; blurring; multi-parameter nonlinear function; polynomial series; optimization algorithm; flexibility; digital image processing; Taylor's series expansion; nonlinear signal processing

Class Codes: **A0758** (Magnetic resonance spectrometers, auxiliary instruments and techniques); **A7530C** (Magnetic moments and susceptibility in magnetically ordered materials); **A4230V** (Image processing and restoration); **A8760I** (Medical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); **B7510N** (Biomedical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); **B3110C** (Ferromagnetic materials); **B0260** (Optimisation techniques); **B6135** (Optical, image and video signal processing); **C5260B** (Computer vision and image processing techniques); **C1180** (Optimisation techniques); **C7330** (Biology and medical computing)

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Title: Volterra series modelling and compensation of non- linear distortions caused by susceptibility difference artefacts related to the presence of ferromagnetic implants in magnetic resonance imaging

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Journal: Medical Engineering & Physics vol.23, no.3 p. 207-15

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Language: English **Document Type:** Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T); Experimental (X)

Abstract: Magnetic resonance imaging is popular in medical settings due to its unique technical characteristics. However, its full potential has been limited by imaging artefacts caused by various phenomena. Previously, a methodology was proposed to characterize and reduce artefacts caused specifically by magnetic susceptibility differences. In the present work, the Volterra series approach is suggested as an alternative method for describing non- linear distortions induced by susceptibility artefacts. A second-order Volterra series is utilized for characterizing the image non-linearities using a block-by-block processing approach. Subsequently, a corresponding second-order inverse Volterra series is applied to compensate for the quantified distortions. In addition, a technique for automatic demarcation of recoverable and non-recoverable regions in magnetic resonance images is proposed to ameliorate the developed methodology. Experimental results indicate that this approach offers improved accuracy and flexibility in reducing nonlinear distortions caused by magnetic susceptibility artefacts. (27 Refs)

Descriptors: biomedical MRI; magnetic susceptibility; medical image processing; modelling; prosthetics; Volterra series

Identifiers: Volterra series modelling; nonlinear distortions compensation; ferromagnetic implants; medical magnetic resonance imaging; nonlinear distortions; block-by-block processing approach; medical diagnostic imaging; second-order inverse Volterra series; nonrecoverable regions; recoverable regions; nonlinear system identification; digital image processing

Class Codes: A8760I (Medical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); A8740 (Biomagnetism); A8770J (Prosthetics and other practical applications); A8770E (Patient diagnostic methods and instrumentation); A8710 (General, theoretical, and mathematical biophysics); B7510N (Biomedical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); B7520E (Prosthetics and orthotics); B6135 (Optical, image and video signal processing); C7330 (Biology and medical computing); C5260B (Computer vision and image processing techniques

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Title: Multiresolution spline warping for EPI registration

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Journal: Proceedings of the SPIE - The International Society for Optical Engineering **Conference Title:** Proc. SPIE - Int. Soc. Opt. Eng. (USA) vol.3813 p. 571-9

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Language: English **Document Type:** Conference Paper (PA); Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: Registration of images subject to non-linear warping has numerous practical applications. We present an algorithm based on double multiresolution structure of warp and image spaces. Tuning a so-called scale parameter controls the coarseness of the grid by which the deformation is described and also the amount of implicit regularization. The application of our algorithm deals with undoing unidirectional **non-linear** geometrical **distortion** of echo-planar images (EPI) caused by local magnetic field inhomogeneities induced mainly by the subject presence. The unwarping is based on registering the EPI images with corresponding undistorted anatomical **MRI** images. We present evaluation of our method using a wavelet-based random Sobolev-type deformation generator as well as other experimental examples. (25 Refs)

Descriptors: biomedical **MRI**; brain; image registration; image resolution; medical image processing; splines (mathematics)

Identifiers: multiresolution spline warping; EPI registration; nonlinear warping; double multiresolution structure; image spaces; scale parameter; grid coarseness; regularization; unidirectional nonlinear geometrical distortion; echo-planar images; local magnetic field inhomogeneities; subject presence; wavelet-based random Sobolev-type deformation generator

Class Codes: **A8760I** (Medical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); **A8770E** (Patient diagnostic methods and instrumentation); **A8740** (Biomagnetism); **B7510N** (Biomedical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); **B6135** (Optical, image and video signal processing); **B0290F** (Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis)); **C7330** (Biology and medical computing); **C5260B** (Computer vision and image processing techniques); **C4130** (Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis)

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Title: Method for partial reduction of the non-linearity and distortion in MR images caused by the presence of metal objects

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Conference Title: Engineering Solutions for the Next Millennium. 1999 IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (Cat. No.99TH8411) **Part** vol.2 **p.** 851-4 vol.2

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Conference Title: Engineering Solutions for the Next Millennium. 1999 IEEE Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering

Conference Date: 9-12 May 1999 **Conference Location:** Edmonton, Alta., Canada

Language: English **Document Type:** Conference Paper (PA)

Treatment: Practical (P); Theoretical (T); Experimental (X)

Abstract: Some of the major problems in **magnetic resonance imaging** are related to static artifacts generated through interactions with the main magnetic field. The artifacts caused by biomedical implants such as orthopedic braces, prostheses or other fixation device implants distort the information contained in the image and impair the process of clinical investigation. In this paper we present preliminary results of a non-linear adjustive method for partial reduction of such type of distortion. (5 Refs)

Descriptors: biomedical **MRI**; correlation methods; medical image processing; orthopaedics; prosthetics

Identifiers: metal objects; **MR images**; nonlinearity partial reduction; distortion partial reduction; **magnetic resonance imaging**; static artifacts; main magnetic field; biomedical implants; orthopedic braces; prostheses; fixation device implants; clinical investigation; nonlinear adjustive method; cross correlation coefficients

Class Codes: **A8760I** (Medical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); **A8770E** (Patient diagnostic methods and instrumentation); **A8740** (Biomagnetism); **A8770J** (Prosthetics and other practical applications); **B7510N** (Biomedical magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy); **B7520E** (Prosthetics and orthotics); **B6135** (Optical, image and video signal processing); **C7330** (Biology and medical computing); **C5260B** (Computer vision and image processing techniques

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[Imaging for stereotaxic treatment of vestibular schwannomas. Error factors and corrections]

Imagerie pour le traitement stéréotaxique des schwannomes vestibulaires. Facteurs d'erreur et corrections.

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Gamma Knife radiosurgery treatment of vestibular schwannomas requires high accuracy for the prescribed dose definition and delivery. The main factors contributing to the error are the anatomical distortions of imaging modalities used for treatment planning. Imaging limitations and error factors are reviewed and detailed. Multimodality rationale for the delineation of vestibular schwannomas and surrounding structures are assessed. Quality control strategies are discussed and a distortion correction technique using a radiological phantom is presented. **METHODS:** Computed tomography is considered as the reference for spatial accuracy after appropriate scanner quality control using the stereotaxic fiducials system. **Magnetic resonance imaging** pulse sequence distortions are measured with a phantom designed for 3D **non-linear** local distortion evidence. A distortion correction transformation is computed from the phantom images and applied to the patient images. Results are verified using the stereotaxic fiducials system. **RESULTS:** Fiducials registration errors show spatial accuracy improvement, approaching computed tomography quality, after distortion correction of **magnetic resonance images**. **CONCLUSIONS:** The multimodal imaging approach for the dose planning of vestibular schwannomas radiosurgery treatment is relevant. Quality control of spatial accuracy for imaging modalities is mandatory and realistic in clinical routine.

Descriptors: *Ear Neoplasms--surgery--SU; *Neuroma, Acoustic--surgery--SU; *Postoperative Complications--prevention and control--PC; *Radiosurgery --instrumentation--IS ; Ear Neoplasms--pathology--PA; Ear Neoplasms--radiography--RA; Humans; **Magnetic Resonance Imaging**; Neuroma, Acoustic--pathology--PA; Neuroma, Acoustic--radiography--RA; Tomography, X-Ray Computed

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Title: Motion correction in fMRI by mapping slice-to-volume with concurrent field-inhomogeneity correction

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Conference Title: Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention, MICCAI 2004 - 7th International Conference, Proceedings

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Abstract: Head motion is the major source of error in measuring intensity changes related to given stimuli in fMRI. The effects of head motion are image shifts and field inhomogeneity variations which cause local changes in geometric distortions. The previously developed motion correction method, mapping slice-to-volume (MSV), retrospectively remaps slices that are shifted by head motion to their spatially correct locations in an anatomical reference. Images exhibiting spatially varying geometric **distortions** require **non-linear** mapping solutions. An accurate field map can be used for the correction of such spatial distortions. However, field-map changes with head motion and, in practice, only one field-map is available typically. This work evaluates the improved motion correction capability of MSV with concurrent iterative field-corrected reconstruction using only an initial field-map. The results from simulated motion data show effective convergence and accuracy in image registration for the correction of image artifacts complicated by the motion induced field effects. copy Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2004. 7 Refs.

Descriptors: *Magnetic resonance imaging; Mapping ; Image analysis; Data reduction; Magnetic susceptibility; Brain; Computer simulation

Identifiers: Motion correction; Map-slice-to-volume (MSV); Image artifacts; Head motion

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GEOMETRICAL DISTORTION OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGES

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The problem of geometrical distortion in **MR images** is addressed in the context of the applicability of stereotactic techniques. For this purpose, the distortion of phantom images is measured at various readout bandwidths and the spatial linearity is evaluated in view of the use of a stereotactic frame. The presence of a contribution to the overall **distortion** of **non- linear** magnetic gradients is shown from the data, although the distortion observed seems to be mostly attributable to the main field inhomogeneity. The specific problems of distortion of the fiducial markers due to bulk magnetic susceptibility effects is addressed. The occurrence of such effects is characterized with the help of imaging, and the role of the phenomenon on proper target localization is demonstrated. In addition, a method of bypassing the detrimental aspect of these effects is presented.

Various distortion correction approaches are discussed, and their benefits and drawbacks are evaluated. In the light of this discussion, a recently reported correction method is then presented. This method allows the calculation of an image free from geometrical and intensity distortion from the combined effect of main field inhomogeneity, susceptibility effects and chemical shift. (Abstract shortened by UMI.)

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A quantitative study of the pixel-shifting, blurring and nonlinear distortions in **MRI** images caused by the presence of metal implants

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Magnetic resonance imaging has found an increasing number of medical applications in recent years due to its technical merits as well as its non-invasive nature. However, its full potential has been severely limited by magnetic susceptibility difference artefacts caused by the presence of ferromagnetic sources such as orthopedic implants, dental work or metallic needles used in neurosurgery. In this study, we propose a method to numerically quantify the distortions resulting from the magnetic susceptibility differences by investigating the phenomena from three perspectives: (1) pixel displacement, (2) blurring and (3) nonlinearity. For this purpose, phantom images obtained from a **magnetic resonance** scanner were studied. Attempts made to reconstruct an ideal image from its distorted version by appropriately compensating for the three types of distortions yielded encouraging results.

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resonance imaging; Interference; Implanted

material; Surgery; Metal; Quantitative analysis; Image quality;

Non linear distortion; Blurred

image; Magnetic susceptibility; Test object

Broad Descriptors: Medical imagery; Imagerie medicale; Imagerie medical

French Descriptors: Imagerie RMN; Interference; Matériau implanté;

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A patch algorithm for fast registration of distortions

Author: Zhilkin P (REPRINT) ; Alexander ME

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Abstract: This note describes an algorithm for registration of **non- linear distortions** in two-dimensional (2D) images. The algorithm solves an integrated for-m of linearized image matching equation over a set of patches in the image domain. The distortion field is represented as a linear combination of multinomials in the image-plane coordinates. Prior to registration, the images are convolved with band-pass filters that are implemented at a coarse-to-fine hierarchy of spatial scales (specified at input by the user); and some heuristics are given for choosing these scales. Images registered at a coarse scale are used as input approximations for deriving images registered at a subsequent finer scale of resolution. With this prescribed hierarchy, the algorithm is non-iterative it is also robust to noise, and can in principle accommodate arbitrary local or global distortions. The results indicate that non-linear registration does improve the match between images. (C) 2002 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

Descriptors--Author Keywords: image processing ; non-linear registration ; multiscale filtering

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MRI geometric distortion: A simple approach to correcting the effects of non-linear gradient fields

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Abstract: We present a method to correct intensity variations and voxel shifts caused by non-linear gradient fields in **magnetic resonance images**. The principal sources of distortion are briefly discussed, as well as the methods of correction currently in use. The implication of the gradient held non-linearities on the signal equations are described in a detailed way for the case of two- and three-dimensional Fourier imaging. A model of these non-linearities, derived from the geometry of the gradient coils, is proposed and then applied in post-processing to correct any images regardless of the acquisition sequence. Initial position errors, as large as 4 mm (i.e., four voxels of 1 x 1 x 1.4 mm(3)) before correction, are reduced to less than the voxel sizes after correction. (C) 1999 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

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METHOD OF MEASURING NONLINEAR DISTORTION

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ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide such a method of measuring nonlinear distortion of a digital record, as a phase distortion and an amplitude distortion can be measured separately with precision, a direction of a phase distortion is identified, and this measured phase distortion value can be used as a record pre-correction quantity.

SOLUTION: When a nonlinear distortion is measured at magnetic recording, this method is to provide a **non-linear distortion** measuring method by which phase distortion (Δ) and amplitude distortion (r) are separated and also with precision, for example, in a phase distortion measurement, phase distortion quantity in a desired recording density is obtained with precision and also a direction of the distortion is obtained by directly precorrecting dibit part of a recording pattern for recording. Moreover, from this quantity, the amplitude distortion quantity (r) in the recording density can be calculated with precision. It is possible to use the pre-correction quantity used for the measurement then as an optimal pre-correction quantity for a control at a time of recording operation.

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PHASE DISTORTION CORRECTING METHOD IN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING DEVICE

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To lessen a large **non-linear phase distortion** of the whole complex image by setting an partial region (block) of an arbitrary form on a reconstructed complex image, and dividing the complex image into blocks.

CONSTITUTION: In a rotary recovery method which is one of imaging methods in the **magnetic resonance imaging**, image $C'(\text{sub } 1k) = (C(\text{sub } 1k))^{\text{sup } 2}$ where reconstructed image containing phase distortion is squared is calculated. An absolute value for $C'(\text{sub } 1k)$ is taken and the maximum value (CMAX) is calculated. $C'(\text{sub } 1k)$ is divided into blocks $C'(\text{sub } mn)$. The size of the block is decided so that the change of the phase distortion is kept within the range of plus or minus π . if possible. For example, in case of an original image of 256X256 picture elements, if it is divided into 4X4 blocks, the block size is 64X64. The number of elements to satisfy CMAX.TH (predetermined threshold value) in $C'(\text{sub } mn)$ and the predetermined number of picture elements are compared and decided which is larger, and when $M > (\text{the number of picture elements satisfying CMAX.TH})$, the block $C'(\text{sub } mn)$ is Fourier transformed to obtain $B'(\text{sub } xy)$. The absolute value of $B'(\text{sub } xy)$ is taken to calculate the coordinate (x', y') of the maximum value. Further, the phase angle A in (x', y') is calculated.

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MEASUREMENT OF DC MAGNETIC FIELD

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To measure a DC magnetic field at a high sensitivity and a high accuracy by detecting **distortion** of a **non- linear** magnetostrictive element with a Fabry-Perot interferometer made of an optical fiber wound around the element according to the DC magnetic field.

CONSTITUTION: A non-linear magnetostrictive element 10 to which an AC bias magnetic field is applied through a bias coil 14 is distorted greatly and deformed according to a DC magnetic field from an air core coil 26. This distortion is detected at a high sensitivity and a high resolution with a Fabry-Perot interferometer 16 made of an optical fiber wound around the element 10 and the DC magnetic field measured with a light receiving photomultiplier 20 and an oscilloscope 22 or a counter 24 or the like at a high sensitivity and high accuracy